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(SBU) Poloff presented reftel demarches to Icelandic MFA Minister Counselor for International Organization Affairs Nikulas Hannigan on October 25. Hannigan, who also covers Middle East issues for the MFA, noted that the Government of Iceland agrees with the need for balance on UN resolutions concerning the region. As such, Iceland would continue to withhold its support for anti-Israel initiatives such as those described in ref A. Similarly, Hannigan said the GOI would study closely the USG position on the Non-Aligned Movement-sponsored resolution concerning Lebanon, and would at a minimum abstain from voting on the resolution.

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